

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

1. The priority claim acknowledgment contained in paragraph 12 of PTOL 326 is appreciated.

2. A substitute specification has been provided to make certain changes as to form. In addition, terminology has been used to provide support for the new claims submitted herewith. The substitute specification does not contain any new matter.

The substitute specification is accompanied by a marked up version showing the changes made.

3. The original abstract was objected to because it contained legal terminology. A replacement abstract is submitted herewith and does not contain such legal terminology.

4. Claims 1 to 23 have been cancelled and replaced by new claims 24 to 48. The new claims are free from the claim objections raised by the Examiner in Paragraph 2 of the detailed action. Claim 24 and all of the method claims 24 to 42 contain

clear method steps. Claims 43 to 48 directed to the apparatus distinguish by reciting structure in a positive respect. There are no longer claims to the product by process.

Applicant reserves the right to claim any subject matter no longer claimed here but for which claims might be supported in the original application in a divisional or continuing application.

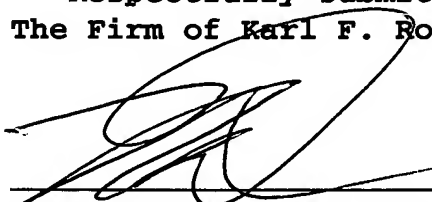
There is enclosed a charge form to cover the fee for one additional claim beyond that covered with fees originally tendered here.

5. The claims in this case were rejected as being obvious from GAMBETTI et al Patent 6,474,041 and MORI et al 6,250,051 fairly suggests forming an accumulation of the sheet upstream of an opening through which the sheet is to be passed below the object in the form of one or more crests on anything like the conveyor belt (51) of the sheet conveyor.

In GAMBETTI et al Patent 6,474,041 as in MORI et al 6,250,051, the "accumulation" of the web material is a flat collection of the packaging material. In MORI et al, for example, the "accumulation" is formed by the two rollers 70 whereas in GAMBETTI et al the accumulation is likewise not from anything which could produce the looped or crest configuration required by the present claims. Certainly no accumulation on a conveyor belt like the belt 51 of the present claims is suggested. Accordingly,

claims 24 to 48 should be allowable and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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